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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 542
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A RESOLUTION to welcome visiting Russian Real Estate
Professionals to the Tennessee General
Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to welcome and honor consummate professionals who have traveled to this great state in order to observe the intricacies of our government; and

WHEREAS, the Murfreesboro Noon Rotary Club is hosting an exemplary group of Russian Real Estate Professionals who are visiting the United State as part of the internship known as "Productivity Enhancement Program," which is coordinated by the Center for Citizens Initiatives of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the estimable participants in this program are visiting the Capitol on April 5, 2000, for Government Education Day; and

WHEREAS, Elena Poliakova, of St. Petersburg, is the facilitator for the internship tour and has a tremendous amount of experience in translating and working with foreign delegations; and

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WHEREAS, she has acquired 23 years of experience as a free-lance interpreter, facilitator, translator, and guide, and is an Associate Professor of English with specialized courses in business and communications. She has represented the Central Bank of Russia, Center for Citizen Initiatives, DeBeers Centenary Ltd., and the International Banking Congress; and

WHEREAS, Slava Stepashkin, born in Russia, is the interpreter for the visiting Russians. He currently lives in El Paso, Texas; he has served as a personal interpreter to high ranking dignitaries, and as a translator and information-gathering specialist for the *United Press International* Moscow Bureau; and

WHEREAS, he has interpreted news conferences, interviews and statements of Russia's leading politicians including President Yeltsin, and has compiled press reviews from the major Russian newspapers to examine Russian business, industrial and financial events in the country's fledgling market economy; and

WHEREAS, Ruslan Chernov is the Director of Tsentr Expertiz I Otsenkj, located in the city of Kazan. The firm provides examination and appraisal of real estate, natural resources, investment projects, industrial equipment, securities, and intellectual property, in addition to selling, renting, and exchanging real estate in Kazan; and

WHEREAS, he has served in numerous important positions; he was the chief structural engineer at Neftepromaftomatika, director of the scientific production enterprise, NITAP, and director of the Guild of Appraisers of the Tatarstan Republic; and

WHEREAS, Valeriy Krotenko is the General Director of Kursk City Real Estate in the city of Kursk. The Center provides numerous services, including buying, selling and assessing residential, industrial and commercial space; real estate consulting in the buying and selling of premises, rooms, mansions, and office facilities; and real estate-related legal consulting; and

WHEREAS, prior to his present post, he served as general director of Druzba City Center, as a history teacher at Kursk Technical College, as the head of the production department at the Eltay, and as the lead manager at Garant Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, Natalia Riabukhina is the owner and director of the Lion-Invest in the city of Ekaterinburg. Lion-Invest provides numerous services including, property assessment, sales, rental and mortgaging of land, cottages, and apartments/office buildings, marketing; management; and real estate and taxation consulting; and

WHEREAS, She graduated in 1990 from the National Institute for Real Estate and Investments with a degree in real estate management, she has previously as a manager for the Nol Real Estate Agency and in 1994 started Lion-Invest, becoming its director; and

WHEREAS, Lyubov Rybakova is the Director of Tetraedr in the city of Cheliabinsk. The company specializes in the sale, purchase, lease and appraisal of land and real property (apartments, cottages, and offices); and

WHEREAS, She graduated in 1977 from the Cheliabinsk Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Industry and Civil Engineering; she has previously served as the group leader of a chief architectural department involved in town planning, and as the Director of a municipal company in the architectural department; and

WHEREAS, Aleksey Solovyev is executive director of Korporatsiya Perspektiva in the city of Perm. The firm provides many real estate services, including buying/selling (new buildings, apartments, offices, etc.), renting exchanging, property management, assessment, and consulting; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Perm Polytechnic Institute, and was later employed by the school as a lecturer. He has previously served as an engineer for Splav Castings, Deputy

Director of Mishel Auto Repair; and as Commercial Director for Piramida Auto Repair; he was first employed at Perspektiva as a manager; and

WHEREAS, Lyudmila Usacheva is the General Director and co-owner of Yurmila in the city of Belgorod. The firm rents and sells apartments, houses, and offices, selects and prepares commercial space, offers consulting services, and conducts negotiations; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Voronezh State University, she has earned a master's degree in Real Estate Operations from the Belgorod Department of Modern Humanitarian Institute, has received a diploma as a Certified Specialist from the Russian Guild of Realtors, and has served previously as head of the cultural department of the Belgorod city administration and as Executive Director at Yumaer Trading; and

WHEREAS, Yevgeniy Zmiyev serves as the Chief of Municipal Real Estate in the city of Krasnodar. The firm buys, sells, and rents private apartments and houses, and conducts housing exchanges, preparation of land sites, and registration of buildings; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, he earned a degree in Economics Management from Kubanskiy Technological Institute; since 1999, he has been engaged in postgraduate studies in small business/real estate. He previously served as senior specialist at Municipal Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly applauds the integrity, dedication, professionalism, and commitment of these outstanding Russian citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the aforementioned Russian Real Estate Professionals for their dedication to excellence in their field, salute them upon their quest for a more complete understanding of the American governmental process, and extend to them our most cordial Southern hospitality as we welcome them to Tennessee. We wish them well in their journeys and future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.